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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AL French Patent 2 754 167
AM German OS 35 05 274
AN European Application 0 304 970

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

A copy of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. Translations of References AL and AM are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of those references has an English language Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application,

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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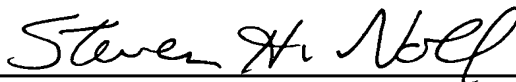
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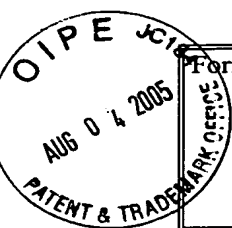
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